



BLISS CARMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL
615 Kimble Drive
Fredericton, NB
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Parent School Support Committee
MINUTES
Monday, March 20th, 6:00pm
Via TEAMS

PSSC Members Present: Angela D'Entremont , Dale Chisholm (chair), Ronnie Stewart (Vice Chair) Hanin Omar	School/DEC Representation Present: Chantale Cloutier, Principal
PSSC Members Regrets: Amber Gilliss, Amgad Salem	School/DEC Representation: Amgad Salem

- **Call to order @6:09pm**
- **Approval of the agenda**
 - Motion by Dale
 - Seconded by Ronnie
- **Approval of the minutes from previous meeting (June)**
 - Motion by Ronnie
 - Seconded by Angela
- **Business arising from the past minutes:**
 - PSSC budget has been spent on a cell phone tower to strengthen the wifi signal inside the school.
- **Business:**
 - Ronnie mentioned that he has heard from some parents that there were concerns over the STEAM fair, and that there was not equal access and opportunity among classes. Chantale explained that while STEAM was open to each student at Bliss Carman, some classes did have a more of an advantage do to teaches direct involvement in STEAM. She said they will no better next year to ensure equal opportunity among classes.
- **Correspondence:**
 - Hanin asked how Bliss will be observing Ramadan. Chantale explained that, starting March 22nd, there will be a designated space, in the library, during snack and lunch for

students who are observing Ramadan. The space will be supervised. There will also be a school wide announcement made on March 2nd, making the beginning of Ramadan.

- **Principal's report:**
- **Increase in student population**

Continued increase in student population, now at 664

Grade 6: 215

Grade 7: 232

Grade 8: 217

26 homeroom classes including one team teaching classroom (2 teachers in one class). Concern over our grade 6/7 class: Two teachers with 31 students starting next Monday. Communication sent to Director of School to share concern. Very little space left in the class.

Projector number for next year: 612 as of today. We will reach out to our feeder schools next week for update. We are keeping a close eye on enrolment numbers and will plan to meet with facilities to discuss space for next year.

- **Energy Star School**

BCMS has received the Energy Star award again this year. The principal with the collaboration of Tim Cross of SNB was asked to create a publicity/video speaking about the process and the benefits of this award. The video will be broadcasted on social media platforms.

- **Budget**

The last day to spend money was this past Friday. This year, we received a surplus of money for very specific resources to compensate for COVID. We managed to spend everything but \$2500. We were able to buy a lot of extra resource to use in the classroom, upgrade our technology, buy two class sets of new students desks, outdoor equipment for students (basketballs, soccer balls, footballs, tennis balls, spike ball etc, kidney table for classes, chairs that needed to be replaced, door mats etc...).

- **Wellness week**

The Wellness week was a success again this year although we had to cancel skiing at Crabbe Mountain due to road conditions. We did notice many students absent Friday, especially in the afternoon; therefore we are considering changing the activity day to Friday morning next year.

- **March 24th PL**

The morning of March 24th will be dedicated to the preparation of report cards. The afternoon will be dedicated to data analysis of two school reports:

- MFRI-Mental Framework Resiliency indicator

- OurSchool survey-student survey

Results to be shared at the next PSSC meeting.

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- **DEC Report:**

- No DEC report

- **Other business:** N/A

- **Date of Next Meetings:**

- Wednesday, April 12th at 6:00. In person at Bliss Carman

- **Adjournment @ 6:51**

- Motion by Dale
- Seconded by Angela